**Example Sentence Starters for Citing Sources**

* According to (author of source), …
* Research from Smith and Jones (insert authors’ last names) supports that…
* In her article entitled “How to Cite Sources,” (article title) Johnson (author) defines (content-area term) as “insert quote here.”
* In his speech, President Obama argues that…
* In “Cheetahs; How fast are they?” (article title) National Geographic (periodical title) writer, Paul Jones, explains…
* To illustrate this point, Sheila Jackson (author/researcher) uses the following example in her article…
* Biologists (content-area) Marks and Watson (authors/experts) discovered that…

**Introducing the Opposition**

When you are introducing the opposing argument(s) (Cons) to your argument, it is important that the reader understands that you don’t agree with the opposition. Here are some good ways to introduce the cons in the beginning of your paragraphs without leading your reader to believe you agree with them:

* “It has been argued…”
* “Some (critics, people, opponents) argue…”
* “Many against ***your issue*** (claim, argue, state, insist, protest)…”
* “It is the contention of (specific name of opposing side)…”
* “***Name of opposition*** (claims, contends, states)…”

**Transitioning from Con to Pro**

After you have discussed the con(s) to your argument, you must find a way to transition into the supporting evidence (Pros) of your argument. Here are some good transition words and phrases that you can use to switch from discussing the cons to your argument into the pros of your argument:

* “However,”
* “Unfortunately,”
* “On the other hand,”
* “Yet,”
* “What the ***Name of Opposition*** fails to (see, take into account, recognize, consider) is…”

**General Transitional Words and Phrases**

**To add information:**

furthermore moreover additionally likewise

along withfor instance in addition for example

equally important

**To emphasize a point:**

again indeed for this reason truly

to repeat to emphasize in fact with this in mind

**To contrast:**

but on the contrary although otherwise

still in the meantime even though counter to

even so nevertheless as opposed conversely

**To conclude or summarize:**

as a result consequently accordingly in short

finally thus due to to sum up

in conclusion therefore in summary all in all